

LONG ISLAND FORUM



*Spencer Farm
Westhampton, Long Island*

Thurston H. Raynor Homestead, Westhampton
(See story next Page)

TABLE of CONTENTS

MELANCTON SMITH, NAVAL HERO
SEAGULLS AND SPEARING
AN OLD SLAVE'S FIDDLE
BUNKERS AND OTHER FISH
FANNY BARTLETT'S STATION
BALLYHOO AT COLD SPRING

John Tooker
Julian Denton Smith
Kate Wheeler Strong
Dr. Clarence Ashton Wood
Jeannette Edwards Rattray
Estelle Valentine Newman

LETTERS FROM FORUM READERS

H. E. Swezey & Son, Inc.
GENERAL TRUCKING
 Middle Country Rd., Eastport
 Telephones
 Riverhead 2350 Eastport 250

**Louden-Knickerbocker
 Hall**

A Private Sanitarium for
 Nervous and Mental Diseases
 81 Louden Ave. Amityville
 AMityville 4-0053

**Farmingdale
 Individual Laundry**
 Dry Cleaning - Laundering
 Rug Cleaning

Broad Hollow Road Farmingdale
 Phone Farmingdale 2-0900

**Chrysler - Plymouth
 Sales and Service**

MULLER
Automobile Corp.
 Merrick Road and Broadway
 AMityville 4-0028 and 4-2029

BRAKES RELINED
 on Passenger Cars and Trucks
 Power Brake Sales Service
 Suffolk County Brake Service
 314 Medford Avenue, Patchogue
 Tel. 1722

FURNITURE

S. B. HORTON CO.
 (Established 1862)
 321 Main St. Greenport
 Tel. 154

Texaco Products

ARTHUR F. HOWE
 (formerly Barker's)
 262 Broadway AMityville 4-9830

SUNRISE

Division Household Fuel Corp

**'Blue Coal'
 Fuel Oil**

Amityville Farmingdale
 1060 12
 Lindenhurst
 178

**THE
 LONG ISLAND
 FORUM**

Published Monthly at
 AMITYVILLE, N. Y.

FOR LONG ISLANDERS EVERYWHERE

Entered as second-class matter May 11, 1947, at the
 post office at Amityville, New York, under the Act of
 March 3, 1879.

PAUL BAILEY, Publisher-Editor
Contributing Editors

Clarence A. Wood, LL.M., Ph.D.
 Malcolm M. Willey, Ph.D.
 John C. Huden, Ph.D.
 Julian Denton Smith, Nature

Tel. AMityville 4-0554

**Apaucuck Homestead,
 Westhampton.**

From a description supplied by
 the present occupant-owner, Mr.
 Thurston H. Raynor, at our re-
 quest, we learn that Apaucuck
 Homestead, located at Westhamp-
 ton, is one of the few century-old
 houses in that vicinity still in the
 possession of a member of its original
 owner-family. It has withstood
 both the erosions of 159 years and
 any drastic modernizations; is beau-
 tifully proportioned, and has a well-
 weathered charm. The quoted por-
 tions below are from Mr. Raynor's
 letters.

"In reply to your request, I am
 sending you a short sketch of my
 house and a little of the history
 leading up to it. The Raynors trace
 back to Thurston Raynor who settled
 in Southampton (in 1640).
 At the land drawing of 1712 (mead-
 ow lots divided among Proprietors),
 the Raynors drew a sizable
 tract on Apaucuck Neck. This was
 extended, in 1748, to include the en-
 tire Neck, from Old North Country
 Road to Moriches Bay, bounded on
 the east and west by tidal creeks.
 The combined acreage was over 750.
 "When this drawing was made,
 two acres were sold to Nathan Ray-
 nor. There is (still) evidence where
 the first house was built. The
 ground is very black, and old coins
 have been found here. Also tansy
 has been growing nearby until re-
 cent years. This house, which had
 a long roof in the rear, was de-
 stroyed by fire. The house I now
 own was built by my great-grand-
 father, Elihu Raynor, in 1795."

Successive generations of this
 branch of the Raynor family lived
 here: John Raynor (age six when
 the house was built), Herrick J.
 Raynor, and today, Thurston H.
 Raynor.

"This now brings me to a descrip-
 tion of the house, which is about
 36 ft. long by 28 ft. wide". During
 the 1860's, several interior altera-
 tions were made. Regrettably from
 an architectural viewpoint, "the old
 chimney, with the big fireplaces,
 three on the first floor and probably
 two on the second floor, was taken
 down. The exterior remains about
 the same, (with) a small kitchen

Continued on Page 88

**NICHOLS
 RUG CLEANING**

Freeport
 86 E. Sunrise Highway Tel. 8-1212
 Rug and Furniture Cleaning

**Our Specialty
 PRESCRIPTIONS**

POLSKY'S PHARMACY
 197 Broadway AMityville 4-0515

Funeral Director

Arthur W. Overton

Day and Night Service

172 Main St. Tel. 1086 Islip

**Loans on Bond and
 Mortgage**

Deposits Accepted by Mail
First National Bank of Islip
 Member Fed. Deposit Insurance Corp.

PHONOGRAPHS

SUFFOLK AND NASSAU

AMUSEMENT CO.

Tel. 2393

Patchogue

FURNITURE

Frigidaire

Home Appliances
 Englander & Simmons
 Sleep Products

**BROWN'S
 Storage Warehouse**

Your Furniture and Appliance Store
 185 Maple St. Phone 51 ISLIP, L. I.
 Established 1919

**Highest Grade
 MEATS**

South Side Meat Market

Stephen Queirolo, Prop.

At the Triangle Amityville
 AMityville 4-0212

**LEIGH'S TAXICABS
 MOTOR VANS - STORING
 WAREHOUSE**

Auto Busses For Hire
 AMityville 4-0225
 Near Amityville Depot

Melancton Smith, Naval Hero

WHEN those of us who are native Long Islanders learn of the great number of people prominent in the business or financial world, in the public service, or the arts and professions, who have visited or resided on L. I., we may well wonder if we properly appreciate our heritage. Presidents, governors, generals and admirals have visited or lived on the Island at some time in their lives.

General Grant and "Fighting Joe Hooker" both vacationed on the Island, the latter spending nearly the whole summer of 1879 at the Garden City Hotel. Rear Admiral Aaron Ward lived at Roslyn and was noted in civil life as a great rosarian. A beautiful yellow rose has been named after him. Rear-Admiral Joel Davis lived at West Islip. Rear-Admiral Nicoll Ludlow and his brother Major General William Ludlow were born on L. I., direct descendants through their mother of Mathias Nicoll, and both fought in the Civil and Spanish-American Wars. Theodore Roosevelt, Governor of New York State and President of the United States had his home at Oyster Bay. Governor John Alsop King's home was in Jamaica, and Governor John A. Dix had a year-round home in the Hamptons. Governor Roswell P. Flower died at Eastport in the 1890s. Many more names could be added to this list.

One officer of the United States Navy who married a Long Island girl and lived on the Island for several years, led such an exciting life especially during the Civil War, that it makes an interesting story. He was not born on L. I. but had his roots in its soil for his grandfather, who was prominent in business and in the political affairs of the Colonies, was born at Jamaica

John Tooker

in 1744, and the maiden name of his grandmother was that of an old L. I. family (Bayles).

Melancton Smith, having the same Christian name as his father and grandfather, was born in New York City on May 24, 1810. His father was a Colonel in the War of 1812, and his mother was Cornelia Haring Jones. He entered the U. S. Navy on March 1, 1826, spent three years in the Pacific Ocean, and three years in the New York Naval School where he was made a Passed Midshipman in April 1832. The next ten years were spent in sea duty part of the time, and the rest in shore duty at New York. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1837, and from June 1839 to March 1840 he was active in the Seminole War. From 1841 to 1843 he was in the Mediterranean Sea, and on the ship Vandalia in the home squadron from 1844 to 1846. During the

Mexican War he was executive of the Pensacola Navy Yard until 1848 when he was again sent to the Mediterranean where he remained until 1851. He became a commander in 1855, and except for a few months service as executive of the ship Potomac, he saw no further sea service until the outbreak of the Civil War.

In 1861 he was sent to the mouth of the Mississippi River with the Massachusetts and on July 9th he engaged in a long range cannonade with a Confederate battery on Ship Island, and also engaged the Florida on October 19th of that year. The Navy Dept. commended him for efficient service and sent him north at the end of 1861.

He was soon sent back with the side-wheeler Mississippi to join the Western Gulf Blockading Squadron commanded by Flag Officer David Glasgow Farragut. Many of Farragut's vessels were of too



Massapequa's one time Tryon Hall, near which Smith lived.
Etching by George R. Avery

deep draft to cross the bar at the mouth of the Mississippi unless they were lightened of all heavy material. This tedious job of unloading and loading again was done to all except the Colorado which was of deeper draft than the others so had to be left outside.

From April 18th to April 22d, 1862 Forts Jackson and St. Phillip, thirty miles up the Mississippi River from the Gulf, were bombarded by Farragut's fleet, with Porter's mortar vessels firing 1500 shells at them. Farragut decided to run past the forts and very early in the morning of April 23rd he started up the river for New Orleans, with the Flagship Hartford leading and the Mississippi the third vessel in line of the first division. The Mississippi was heavily engaged, but in spite of a seven-foot gash made in her side by the ram Manassas she drove the ram ashore and riddled it with two heavy broadsides.

When the fleet started up the river Capt. Smith instructed his executive officer, a young lieutenant, to keep the ship in her station which he did. Thirty-six years later that same officer, by that time a Commodore, entered Manila Bay early in the morning of May 1, 1898, destroyed the Spanish fleet, and cabled the news to Washington. Admiral Dewey always highly regarded Capt. Smith and praised him in his Autobiography.

On May 14, 1863, a little more than a year after the passage of the river forts, Farragut went above New Orleans and attempted to run past the batteries at Port Hudson. The Mississippi, still under the command of Capt. Smith, followed him but ran aground, and was subjected to such a heavy fire that Capt. Smith was forced to abandon her, so he set her on fire and he and his men drifted downriver in small boats to join the rest of the Union fleet.

Continued on page 97

Bank and Borrow

AT

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

AND TRUST COMPANY
OF BAY SHORE

OPEN FRIDAY EVENINGS 6:30 TO 8

128 West Main Street

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Bay Shore, N. Y.

Member Federal Reserve System

Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corp'n

Bethpage, Long Island, N. Y.

Designers and Manufacturers of the

Panther Albatross Mallard

Airplanes for the U. S. Navy, the Air Force
and Commercial Users

BUICK

SALES SERVICE PARTS

Suffolk County's Largest Selection of
GUARANTEED USED CARS

Ande-McEwan Motors, Inc.

Tel. Bay Shore 2

228 East Main St., Bay Shore

WE BUY USED CARS FOR CASH

WALTER A. SAXTON
Vice President

JOHN E. NICHOLSON
President

Nicholson & Galloway

Established 1849

Roofing and Waterproofing

Difficult commissions accepted to correct wall and roof
leaks in schools, churches, banks, public buildings, etc.

426 East 110th Street
New York City
LEhigh 4-2076

Cedar Swamp Road
Brookville, L. I.
BRookville 5-0020

Seagulls and Spearing

MY uncle, Charles P. Smith, retired druggist of Freeport, tells of going bluefishing with his father, J. Gilbert Smith, in the ocean off Jones Inlet. That was when my uncle was in his teens and before powerboats. They used a sailboat and on the ocean watched constantly for changes of wind and conditions of the sea which might make trouble in getting back through the inlet. Even with our powerboats we do the same thing now.

In bluefishing they kept a lookout for massing of sea gulls. We do likewise, for the gathering of the gulls at any spot may signal the location of the bluefish and we try to reach the spot while the gulls are still busy. What has happened is that the large fish in feeding on the small ones have chased them up to the surface where the gulls take advantage of the situation and dine on them, also. The resulting churning of the water by the gulls and the fish usually indicates a most desirable fishing ground.

Many times I have seen gulls work these fish-infested spots. Frequently we have been miles off shore when suddenly the gulls will begin to congregate. I am always puzzled at where they all come from. They fly in close to the water and from all directions. As the fishing boats swing in to cross and recross the location, the gulls simply swim aside. They seem to show no fear, their attention centering on the tremendous feast within bill's reach.

Until Saturday, October 3, 1953, I had never seen this action from the shore nor had found what kind of small fish the gulls were taking. You will recall that this year the 3rd of October came on the last summer weekend before fall overtook us. The day was delight-

Julian Denton Smith

Secretary Nassau County Historical Society

ful with a bright, warm beach and the ocean smooth, clean and comfortable with slow, low waves. I had been swimming and lay up on the dunes sunning and napping.

In a lazy sort of way I became conscious of an extra amount of gull noises. I raised myself enough to look over the beach grass on top of the dune. The gulls were flying in from all directions and converging on the water directly in front of me and scarcely fifty feet off shore. They arrived from both up and down the beach as well as from the bay side. They flew in low, just clearing the beach and the dunes. The gulls made no talk as they flew, all intent upon arriving as quickly as possible. They flew with powerful wing beats and without any deviation from the shortest route to the gathering spot.

As soon as the gulls reached

the feeding place they started to squawk and scream, angered that the birds were so thick they could not settle on the water. They collided, side-swiped, locked wings, and dropped on top of each other. None seemed to light on the water but all fell into it. The chatter became tremendous, something like the uproar at a boxing bout but with more individual cries. They dropped helter-skelter and so densely that none could swim. The area of frenzied, flapping, floundering birds widened. They gulped fish in between fighting and bickering. The water whitened with the activities of birds and fish. The noise attracted more gulls and they came from as far as the eye could see. The bedlam increased as new arrivals hit the water.

I suppose twelve to fifteen hundred seagulls had appeared before the noise subsided and the birds began to spread out on the water. Some were full, some injured, and some hunted more food. Each seemed completely occupied in contem-



Sketched and Etched by Joseph P. Di Gemma

plating his own condition. The area of resting birds fanned out to cover many acres whereas in the fray they had squeezed into a few hundred square feet.

Two fishing boats had been attracted by the noise and splashing and they idled in deeper water beyond the bar. All the excitement had been inside the bar and in fairly shallow water — anywhere from the surf line to five feet of water.

Before long several seagulls about two hundred feet along the beach started to squawk once more and to thrash the water. Immediately nearby gulls closed in and those farther away got up out of the water and flew to the new spot. The screaming, yelling, fighting and feeding began all over again. I decided to see what kind of fish were the great attraction.

As I came from the dunes I noticed many of the gulls held an irregular line at the crest of the beach and all watched the proceedings. They hardly looked my way as I crossed their line, just gave way a bit so I could go by. Some of these birds carried one wing hanging out of place; some stood on one foot dangling the other; some hobbled around, and a few stretched and twisted their necks as though something had caught in the throat. Apparently the cripples had taken to the shore.

I reached the water and none of the gulls in the rum-

pus appeared to notice me. I dove in and, swimming under water, came up among the birds. They shoved apart excitedly, making room for me but paid slight attention to me otherwise. I put my feet on the bottom and my shoulders were out of the water. I caught spearing—silversides—by the handful and could feel them slide against my body and legs. Some halves and parts of spearing floated in the water and were quickly gobbled up by the gulls. Nothing larger than spearing nozzled me.

I could have done very well with a pair of ear plugs for the screeching of the gulls was both deafening and terrifying. At any time in the few minutes I stood in the feeding area I might easily have reached out and caught several gulls. They seemed to accept me about as completely as they would have a piece of driftwood or a spile.

I sunk down into the water

Continued on page 93

MORRELL'S AUTO - MARINE ESSO SERVICENTER

Engine Tune-up
Carburation and
Ignition Work

Merrick Road, opp. Richmond Ave.
Phone AMityville 4-3442

"Wayfarings" by Ernest S. Clowes

A collection of more than 100 pieces on the history of Eastern Long Island, especially during the 18th and 19th centuries.

About shipwrecks, old buildings, notable people. How people lived; what crops they raised; how they had fun; their homes; their food.

Long Island weather and how to forecast it. Stories of famous storms. A long account of the day of the Great Hurricane.

This is the best book of its kind now in print. Durable cloth binding; 340 pages; Indexed; \$4.20 postpaid. Copies are still available from

THE HAMPTON PRESS, Bridgehampton, N. Y.

TRAPHAGEN SCHOOL OF FASHION For Results

TRAINING HERE PAYS LIFE DIVIDENDS
Summer, Fall and Winter Courses
Professional methods day or eve. All
branches of Fashion for beginners or
advanced students. Regents' Credits.

DAY, EVENING & SATURDAY COURSES
Now forming for Design, Illustration, Cloth-
ing Construction and all branches of Fashion

INTERIOR DECOR. and DISPLAY
Courses here prepare students for the fasci-
nating and remunerative fields of commercial
art. Maximum instruction in minimum time.
Active Free Placement Bureau

Send for Circular For Phone CO. 6-2077.
REGISTER NOW! Our Graduates in Demand!
Traphagen, 1680 B'way (52 St.) N. Y. 19

The First National of Amityville

ORGANIZED 1907

Complete Deposit and
Loan Facilities

Open Friday Evenings 6:30 to 8:30

INSURANCE

Ask

EDWARDS

The Oldest Agency
for Miles Around

Phones
SAyville 4-2107 - 4-2108

Serving Suffolk

- Massapequa to Hampton Bays
- Cold Spring Harbor to
Greenport

OVER 30 YEARS!

LAUNDERING • DRY CLEANING

BLUE POINT *Laundry*

Telephone BLue Point 4-0420

Wines & Liquors IMPORTED AND DOMESTIC Delves Liquor Store

LICENSE L-1382
201 Bway., AMityville 4-0033

An Old Slave's Fiddle

IN THE old slave burying ground back of the Mount House, Stony Brook, there stood until a few years ago when it was removed for safe-keeping, an interesting tombstone. At the top was carved a violin with the bridge let down. Underneath was the inscription: "Utterly toneless. Anthony Hannibal Clapp of African descent. Born at Horse Neck, Conn., July 14th, 1799. Died in Stony Brook, Oct., 1816."

"Tony" was not only a fine fiddler but also must have been double jointed, if the tale told of him is true, for it is said that if you placed a sixpence behind him, he could bend over backwards and pick it up with his tongue!

Though William S. Mount, the artist, was a little boy when Tony died, he never forgot the Negro and kept the fiddle fresh painted as long as he lived. Mr. Mount was a fine player himself and also made violins. He invented one with a hollow back which he had patented. Once, for a stunt, he played a whole tune on a violin with a door key.

While he painted many portraits, he was best loved for the painting of things going on around him. "The Horse Trade," "Raffling the Goose," "Power of Music" (dancing to the music of a colored fiddler), "Fair Exchange, No Robbery" (tramp trading hats with a scarecrow), and many others. Often the boys from the village were his models and their descendants can tell their names to this day.

Though Mr. Mount was born in Setauket he spent most of his life in Stony Brook. He did live in New York for a spell, but found it very expensive. He was charged \$4 a week for room and board. He was a member of the Academy, and many of his pictures

Kate Wheeler Strong

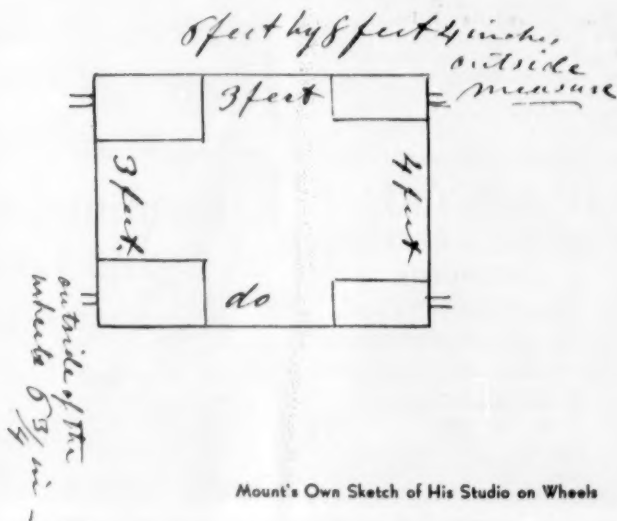
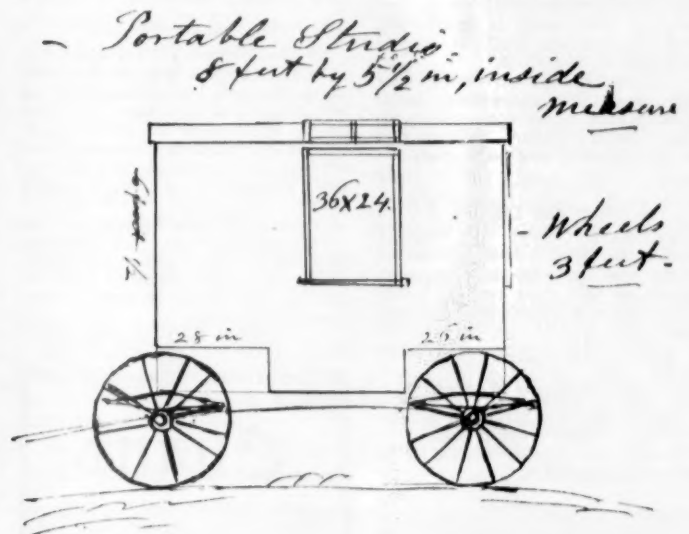
were shown at the exhibitions in New York. He was said to be jolly and full of fun. An expert on the tin whistle, he often played it as he walked along the street.

He would not let himself be imposed upon. Once when painting a portrait for a very rich man, he stayed at his house while painting his pic-

ture. When the time came to pay for the portrait, the man said he thought the painter had been entertained in such luxury he ought to deduct \$50 from the fee. Mr. Mount replied he would give him the picture, if he could not afford the price. The man paid.

Mr. Mount had a studio on wheels with plate glass windows and a stove. This was

Continued on Page 95



Mount's Own Sketch of His Studio on Wheels

Reminders

Pleasure Boat Insurance Specialist

GEORGE C. BARTH

134A Broadway, next to Post Office
AMityville 4-1688 (Res. 4-0855)

Automotive Supplies

E. Clayton Smith, jobber. Replacement parts, tools and equipment. 218-220 East Main Street, Babylon. Tel. 551.

Visitors Welcome

The General Museum-Library of the Suffolk County Historical Society, at Riverhead, is open daily (except Sundays and Holidays) from one to five P. M.

Visitors always welcome (no charge) at this educational institution where items connected with Long Island's history, culture and natural sciences are on display.

Wines and Liquors

Large assortment of Popular Brands at the Lowest Possible Prices and in various size containers to suit your needs. Losi's Liquor Store, 170 Park Ave., Amityville.

Horton Books Wanted

The Forum is desirous of acquiring books on the Horton family for a reader. In writing please state price and condition.

Kilma Data Wanted

Wanted, any information about William Sawtelle Kilmer, born 1883, living on Long Island in 1916 when his father, Rev. Charles Kilmer, died at Binghampton, N. Y. Write Emily Weiss, 1032 North Dearborn St., Chicago 10, Illinois. (5)

STILL OIL CALSO
INC.
GASOLINE — FUEL OIL
DISTRIBUTOR
Tel. SElden 2-3512

Cash and Carry
Service 15% Off

UNQUA LAUNDRIES
AMityville 4-1348

Dixon Avenue Copieague

Apaucuck

Continued from Page 82

built on the east end." (Sketch shows this.)

"The old well, with sweep and bucket, has been abandoned for 25 years." When necessary to replace any of the original shingles and the handmade wrought nails, care was taken to do so with "previously used ones, shortened and nailed (perforce) with cut nails."

Flanking the north side and west end of the house, and greatly prized by the owner, is "the magnificent stand of) boxwood, 100 years old." Many persons may recall "the little Osage orange tree, north of the house, which was destroyed by the Hurricane of 1938."

This staunch old homestead retains a dignity that will dwarf any modern housing development which may someday encroach.

That Name, Shodack

In the February 1954 issue you ask who can tell the origin of the name Shodack. I would suggest that Mr. Higgins of Hillsdale, N. Y. look up the records of Shodack's Landing, N. Y. which is located on the Hudson River near him. I assume that Shodack is a Dutch family name.

As you will note I have returned to California from New Orleans. The Forum is so extremely interesting, I did not want to miss receiving a copy while I was away from California.

Horace K. T. Sherwood
Long Beach, Cal.

Evans

AMITYVILLE DAIRY, INC.

AMITYVILLE

ROCKVILLE CENTRE

BLUE POINT

We enjoy the Forum very much.
Mrs. Henry D. Mills, Patchogue.

L. I. Forum Index

Complete Index of the L. I. Forum, 1948-1952 (five years), 50 cents, postpaid.

Also complete Index for 1938-47 (10 years), \$1.

Send check with order to Queens Borough Public Library, 89-14 Parsons Blvd., Jamaica 32, N. Y. Atten. L. I. Collection. lf

Schrafel Motors, Inc.

NASH Sales and Service

NEW and USED CARS

Merrick Road, West Amityville
Leo F. Schrafel AM 4-2306

Authentic Colonial Etchings
(United States)

8"x15"—UNFRAMED—\$15

Write: (Miss) G. A. Sanders

107 Sea Cliff Ave. Glen Cove, N. Y.

FAMILY HISTORY

Start yours now with our Simplified Worksheets and Directions . . . Complete Set, punched for three-ring binder, postpaid \$1. . .

GIDEON STIVERS

Box 382 Riverhead, L. I.

The Bowne House Historical Society

Judge Charles S. Colden, President
presents

The Bowne House Built 1661

Bowne St. and Fox Lane
FLUSHING, N. Y.

A Shrine to Religion Freedom
ADMISSION FREE

Sundays, Tuesdays and Saturdays 1 to 5 P. M.

Sponsored by

HALLERAN AGENCY

Realtors

Flushing, N. Y.

Farmingdale Federal Savings and Loan Association

312 CONKLIN STREET

First Mortgage Loans

Insured Savings

2 $\frac{3}{4}$ % Dividend

Phone FARMingdale 2-2000

FARMINGDALE, N. Y.

Bunkers and Other Fish

IN May 1876 Peconic Bay was full of menhaden (bunkers). The seiners of Mattituck known as the Coots landed 700,000 of that species of shad with a delectable flavor and a multitude of bones. Richmond and Tuthill caught 100,000 and George Vail of Peconic one morning found as many in his pound at the Sound. Thirteen years later during the season of 1889 the steamer Falcon caught over 9,000,000, with Capt. John Burns of Greenport in command of a double gang of men.

In May 1901 Town Harbor at Southold was again full of bunkers. Oldtimers vowed they had never seen so many. The pound fishermen unfortunately had not put out their sets. In June the Indian Neck seiners, however, gathered 1,600,000 and hoped to exceed the two-million mark.

In the summer of 1911 the Triton Oil and Fertilizer Company in a period of 115 days erected and put into operation a mammoth new factory at Promised Land which had the capacity to convert 1,250,000 bunkers into oil and scrap every 24 hours with each press. For its erection fifty carloads of lumber was delivered by the LIRR during one week in July.

In August 1875 Capt. George Vail caught 94 Spanish mackerel off Montauk. However, Howard Huntting, Henry Howell, A. F. Loweree, Charles Tuthill and William H. Terry of Southold during the next month went to the same fishing ground in the Queen of the West and caught one fish.

During June 1876 George Vail of Peconic caught a 60-pound striped bass and James Cassidy caught a 100-pound silver fish in his pound. In June 1890 Albertus and Leroy

Dr. Clarence Ashton Wood

Raynor of Greenport within a few minutes on a Saturday afternoon hooked half a hundred bass ranging in weight from four to eight pounds.

In September of that year Capt. Jason Scherr of the smack Woolsey brought in 1,000 bluefish and 180 bushels of seabass which he sold in Fulton Market for eight cents a pound. During September 1898 there was a heavy run of bluefish in the bay and 1,600 were taken in one set of net. It was estimated that over 5,000 were taken in one week.

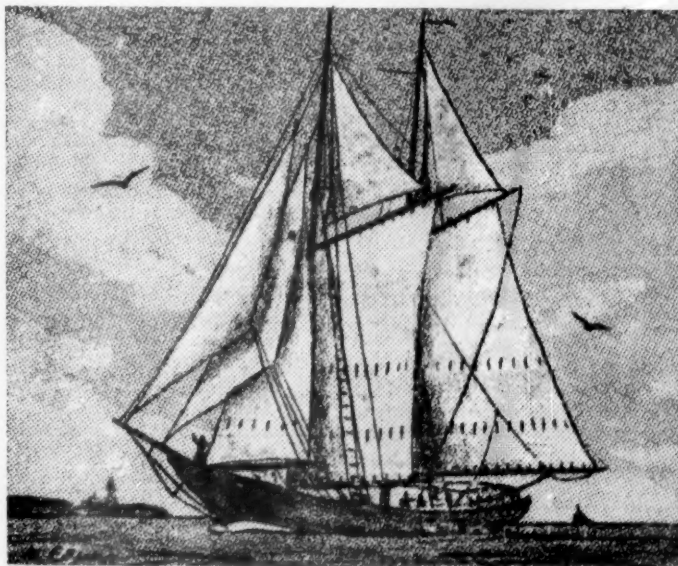
In October 1899 George Richmond of Southold caught six wagonloads of chub mackerel in a draw seine at the Sound. In May of the next year there was a large run of blackfish and seabass in the bay and Sound. The latter part of that month William H. Beebe of Southold caught a fourteen-pound weakfish.

In 1900 Robert Raynor caught two wagonloads of

snappers in one haul of his draw seine west of Horton's Point, Southold. F. W. Carpenter landed 73 bluefish while trolling in the bay. The fish weighed from 3½ to 4½ pounds, a catch which had not been excelled in many years. In January of that year A. W. Silkworth caught a bushel of pickerel fishing through the ice of Marratooka Lake, Mattituck. Several were over two feet long.

In the summer of 1910 bluefish were more plentiful in Greenport harbor than for many years. The water just off the main street wharf at that village one day in June was alive with fish. They were also biting in Plum Gut between Orient Point and Plum Island. During the first week of August John J. Bartlett, Frederick L. Terry and Russell Fish caught 22; Irving L. Price and party 30; Capt. Jason Hilton and party 50; Drew Brothers 94; Maurel Claudio and party 50 and

Continued on page 95



Sketched and Etched by Joseph P. Di Gemma

Leading Real Estate Brokers of

Sayville

Lillian H. Robinson, Realtor
Real Estate, Insurance,
Furnished Cottages
Farms - Homes - Acreage
169 W. Main St. Sayville 4-1900
Member of L. I. Real Estate Board

Munsey Park

See Wile for
Worth While Real Estate
General Brokerage
Manhasset and vicinity
DAVID T. WILE JR. & CO.
8393 Northern Blvd. Manhasset 667

Mineola

J. ALFRED VALENTINE
Real Estate - Insurance
148 Mineola Boulevard
Phone Garden City 7-7200

Hicksville

SEAMAN & EISEMANN, Inc.
Real Estate - Insurance
90 Broadway Tel. Hicksville 600

Riverhead

DUGAN REALTY COMPANY
Eastern Long Island Country
Places along Ocean, Sound,
Peconic, Shinnecock Bays.

Northport

EDWARD BIALLA
ALBERT M. ZILLIAN
EDWIN N. ROWLEY, INC.
Real Estate - Insurance
Appraisals
74 Main Street
Northport 3-0108 and 2272
Members L. I. Real Estate Board

Latest Dividend Declared at the rate of

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ %
per annum

Savings Accounts opened
and Banking-by-Mail

The Union Savings Bank

of Patchogue, New York

The only Savings Bank in
Western Suffolk County
Member Federal Deposit
Insurance Corporation

Ketcham & Colyer, Inc. INSURANCE

George S. Colyer, Secy.
Broadway and Park Ave.
AMityville 4-0198

Ballyhoo at Cold Spring Estelle V. Newman

In the March Forum's Letters-to-the-Editor, R. H. Ramm of Bridgeport, Conn. speaks about a balloon ascension at Cold Spring Harbor in August 1860. I am curious to know the source of this information because until a couple of years ago few if any people here knew anything about the affair where the ascension took place.

When Burrwood, the large country home on the estate of the late Walter Jennings, Standard Oil magnate, was being dismantled (it is now the Industrial Home for the Blind), the executors sent to the C.S.H. Fire Department a large broadside advertising the celebration of August 28, 1860.

The broadside is the size and material of a window-shade and rolls up into a cornice-shaped wooden box. The printing is clear and legible and the whole in an excellent state of preservation although nearly 100 years old. The Fire Department gave it to the Village Improvement Society and it may be viewed on request at the Library here.

As an example of the bombastic style of advertising used then, altho to my taste it carries more conviction and appeal than the present-day Hollywood style, the celebration was ballyhooed as follows:

Fun! Fun! Fun!
Fair Extraordinary
Grand Instrumental Concert
Unique Races

The directors of the new road improvement at Cold Spring would respectfully inform the public that a Grand Fair and Festival of very extraordinary and wonderful attractions will take place at Cold Spring, Long Island, on

Tuesday—August 28, 1860
for the benefit of the new Shore
Continued on next page

Farmingdale

GREGORY SOSA AGENCY, Inc.
Real Estate and Insurance
Serving The Community Since 1921
Farmingdale 2-0321—2-1286

Hubbell, Klapper & Hubbell

LONG ISLAND REAL ESTATE

65 Hilton Avenue
Garden City, N. Y.

REAL ESTATE Insurance Mortgages JOHN T. PULIS

101 Richmond Ave., Amityville
AMityville 4-1489

Port Washington

Howard C. Hegeman Agency, Inc.
Real Estate and Insurance
185 Main Street
Tel. Port Washington 7-3124

Commack

JOHN W. NOTT

Established 1925

Wanted: Large flat wooded acreage eastern L. I. to Riverhead.
Jericho Tpk. Forest 8-9322

Huntington

HENRY A. MURPHY
INSURING AGENCY, Inc.
Real Estate, Insurance, Mortgage
Loans, Appraisals
Steamship Tickets
Cornelius L. Murphy Tel. Hunt. 176

Wyandanch

HAROLD S. ISHAM
All Lines of Insurance
Real Estate
Straight Path, Wyandanch
Tel. Midland 7755

Mastic

Realtor—Insuror
BENJAMIN G. HERRLEY
MONTAUK HIGHWAY
Phone Atlantic—1-8110

Glen Head

M. O. HOWELL
Real Estate - Insurance
25 Glen Head Road
Telephone GLEN Cove 4-0491

Bay Shore

Auto and Other Insurance
— Real Estate —
HENNING AGENCY, Realtor
86 E. Main Bay Shore 7-0876 & 0877

Central Islip

ROBERT E. O'DONOHUE
Carleton Ave. Tel. 6317 Central Islip
Real Estate - Insurance
Established 1911

Hampton Bays

JOHN H. SUTTER
Licensed Real Estate Broker
1 East Main Street
HAMPTON BAYS 2-0420

Tel. Babylon 6-0265

W. E. MAGEE, Inc.
APPRAISER
Real Estate and Insurance
Brokers
Babylon, N. Y.

Long Island's Suburban Homeland

Uniondale

PETER P. ROCCHIO
The Town Agency For
Real Estate and Insurance
889 Nassau Road, Uniondale
Phone HEMPstead 2-6858

Patchogue

Realtors—Insurors
JOHN J. ROE & SON
125 E. Main St. Patchogue 2300

Glen Cove

HAROLD A. JACKSON CO.
Insurance and Real Estate
7 W. Glen Street Telephone 4-1500

Westbury

HAMILTON R. HILL
Insurance - Real Estate
Westbury 7-0108 249 Post Ave.
For Westbury and Vicinity

Floral Park

EDMUND D. PURCELL
REALTOR
Sales - Appraisals - Insurance
111 Tyson Ave. FLoral Park 4-0333

Lake Ronkonkoma

CLIFFORD R. YERK
Lots, Farms, Shore Frontage
Homes Acreage
Rosedale Ave. and Richmond Blvd.
Telephones Ronkonkoma 8543 and 8859

East Norwich

Richard Downing & Sons
GENERAL INSURANCE
Licensed Real Estate Broker
Tel. Oyster Bay 592
North Hempstead Turnpike

BENJ. T. WEST
Real Estate Insurance

EAST SETAUKET
Long Island, New York
Tel. 101 Setauket

Unqua Agency, Inc.
General Insurance
Real Estate

GORDON W. FRASER, Mgr.
199-A Broadway AMityville 4-0876

Ballyhoo at Cold Spring

Continued from page 90

Road leading to the Steamboat Dock. The Fair will be conducted after the manner of the famous Rural Fetes of France, together with the amusing attractions of the popular English Fairs, never before introduced to this continent.

The festival department will be under the supervision of the ladies of Cold Spring. The grounds will open at 10 o'clock A. M. by a discharge of artillery and the ascent of a

Beautiful Balloon when the various field sports will commence. Grand Climbing Match for various prizes. At 3 o'clock the Famous Sack Race of England between Cold Spring, Huntington and Oyster Bay, all the contestants being tied up in linen sacks. At 4 o'clock a Grand Tri-Color Balloon Race

The ascension of three Balloons representing the three great nations of the earth—America, England and France, or the Red, White and Blue, which will be announced by a discharge of artillery. May the best man win.

Visitors will also have an opportunity of paying their respects to the world-renowned Mr. Punch who came out in the Great Eastern expressly for this occasion, being his first appearance in the U. S.

Also the Great Pig Race of Yorkshire. He who catches wins. Mon. Le Grand from the Fetes de St. Cloud of Paris, has been engaged with his laughable figures where can be seen the famous Marshal Winterstrachtish, who will go through the wonderful performance of dancing off his legs and arms and then swallowing his head.

The Instrumental Concert by the celebrated City Band during the afternoon and evening. The whole to conclude at dark by a grand display of fireworks by Lilliland of New York City. Admission to the grounds only ten cents.

The Long Islander of Huntington carried an account of this celebration in its next issue as follows:

"The Fair at Cold Spring on Tuesday last, for the benefit of the new Shore Road, passed off very well indeed. Notwithstanding the unpropitious appearance of the weather

Continued on next page

Miller Place

ALFRED E. BEYER
Licensed Real Estate Broker
Member, Suffolk Real Estate Board
North Country Road Miller Place
Tel. Port Jefferson 8-1204

Massapequa

TOM ABBOTT
Massapequa
Cor. Merrick Rd. and Ocean Ave.
Massapequa, N. Y.

East Quogue

GEO. H. JONES
Real Estate and Insurance
Montauk Highway
Telephone East Quogue 960

Wantagh

W. J. JORGENSEN
Realtor — Appraisals
Tel. Wantagh 2210

Babylon

CHARLES F. PFEIFLE
Licensed Real Estate Broker
Lots - Plots - Acreage
W. Main St., nr. Lake Babylon 644

Wading River

WM. L. MILLER & SON
Real Estate and Insurance
Phone: Wading River 4323

Great Neck

Silkworth

**LONG ISLAND
REAL ESTATE**

City line to Montauk Point. Listings wanted all over Long Island. Sales offices at 740 Northern Blvd., Great Neck, and Route 25 Mattituck. Tels. Great Neck 2-5614 and Mattituck 9-8434.

Garden City

BULKLEY & HORTON CO.
(EST. 1870) (REALTORS)
(7 OFFICES)

"Brooklyn and Long Island's Largest
Real Estate Organization"
721 Franklin Ave. Tel. Garden City 7-5400

Save at Southold

BANK BY MAIL

Current Dividend

2 1/2 %

The Oldest Savings Bank in Suffolk County. Incorporated 1858.

Southold Savings Bank

Southold, New York
Member Federal Deposit Insurance
Corporation

Ballyhoo at Cold Spring

Continued from page 91

during the day there was a large number of persons present and judging from their smiling countenances all were well pleased with the proceedings.

"The balloon ascensions were beautiful, the climbing matches amusing, the sack and pig races ludicrous and Mr. Punch's performance enough to make a Puritan split his sides with laughter. Perfect order was observed (in which we were agreeably disappointed) and all things considered, it was a complete success."

Dr. Wood Corrects

I hasten to correct a mistake which you made in my story on "John Ledyard the Traveler" in the March Forum. Robert Hempstead, John's grandfather, was not Southold's first schoolteacher. As I stated in my chapter on Southold Town in "Bailey's History," published in 1949: "Nicholas Eades was an early schoolmaster in Southold, coming from Southampton. John Ledyard, afterwards mayor of Hartford, ran a Latin school at Southold shortly after 1717."

Dr. Clarence Ashton Wood
Largo, Florida



"The Tomb" Is Now No More

The above structure, which was mentioned in the April issue's story on the Long Island Country Club at Eastport, stood on its grounds for many years.

MORTGAGE MONEY

HOME OWNERS

Mortgage Loans to refinance existing mortgages
or to purchase and/or renovate homes

INDIVIDUAL MORTGAGE HOLDERS

Existing mortgages purchased or refinanced

RIVERHEAD SAVINGS BANK

RIVERHEAD, N. Y.

RIVERHEAD 8-3600

Seagulls

Continued from page 86

and swam back to shore. I wear glasses and not having them while swimming I could see nothing under water. For all I know I might have grabbed a dinner-on-the-fin as the bluefish were probably keeping close company with me.

As I seated myself on a water-soaked log above the tide line, the noises of the gulls began to fade. Again the mass of birds thinned as they swam off, spread apart and quieted. They seemed to wait around as though ready to close in for another banquet if the spearing broke water again. Finally they realized their luck had run out and one by one raised up out of the water and scattered on the beach for perhaps a mile in each direction. Many flew across to the bay.

Most of the gulls near me settled in the sand, heading into the southwest as the breeze came from that quarter. I thought, if gulls could chew their cud like cows, they would all be extremely busy. As it was, many bird stomachs must have been tickled as, for the most part, the spearing had gone down whole!

It seemed to me that no other birds than seagulls had been at all interested in the feeding. At that time of the year the dunes are full of various kinds of birds passing along toward the south. These seemed to keep strictly to their business back in the grasses and underbrush. If other water birds were in the vicinity, I did not see them. The whole affair seemed to be of the gulls, by the gulls, and for the gulls.

Books For Sale

Life and Writings of Frank Forester (H. W. Herbert), two vols. Gunning, fishing, etc. 1882. Deluxe binding, fine condition.

Brooklyn Village (Ralph Foster Weld) Columbia University Press. 1938.

Address L. I. Forum, Amityville.

Endorsement Indeed

I have received my copy of Long Island Whalers by Paul Bailey, and have read it with great interest. It is an excellent work. I would please like to have six more copies and am enclosing my check for same.

I noticed three small errors, namely: "Nantucket in Rhode Island" should be Massachusetts; "Brindley D. Sleight" should be Brinley; "The Barbadoes" should be Barbados. It is a single island, not a group like the Bahamas.

Cornelius R. Sleight
501 North Street
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Note: Mr. Sleight is a recognized authority on the history of LI whaling, as were other members of this Sag Harbor family. Edi.

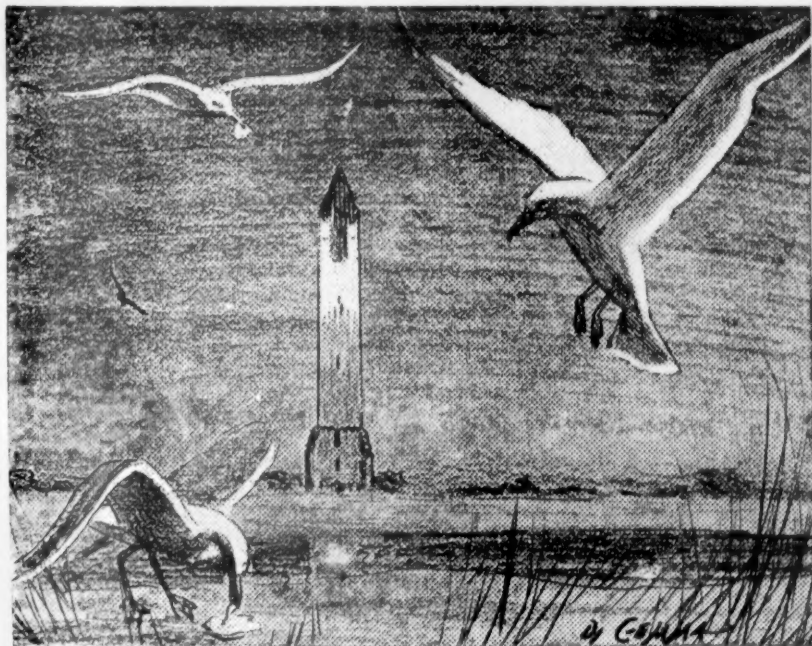
Miss Strong's Weather Service

In a communication from the U. S. Weather Bureau with reference to weather stations on Long Island, I find the following which will be of interest to your readers.

"The cooperative station at Setauket has the longest recording, beginning on August 1, 1885 with Seian B. Strong, observer. His daughter, Miss Kate W. Strong, is the present observer, having taken over the work on her father's death in the autumn of 1931. This is nearly 70 years of record contributed by one family, the greatest in the State of New York."

Miss Strong, who has written so many interesting articles for the Forum, is truly a Long Islander.

Meade C. Dobson
L. I. Association
Garden City



Sketched and Etched by Joseph Di Gemma



TIGHT ROOFS

McRae Bros.

Combination Windows
and Doors

PATCHOGUE	4300
RIVERHEAD	3899
HUNTINGTON	3746
BABYLON	1344
SOUTHAMPTON	113
EASTHAMPTON	212

ROOFING - SIDING INSULATION

30,000 Satisfied Customers Since 1925



Young America in Fashion

News to many may be the fact that the Traphagen School of Fashion in New York publishes a magazine to sponsor young American artists and designers for the future glory of the big and economically important fashion industry. Celebrating its coming of age, femininely speaking—it is 18 this year—is Fashion Digest, this magazine of fashion with a difference. It is current and up to date on fashions of the minute, but the editors are always scanning the bypaths looking for youngsters who will be the big-name designers of tomorrow. Now internationally known, it is read by enthusiasts from Iceland to South Africa as well as all over the United States.

Annette Bigras, above, who both designed and made, and models these two gowns for big and little evenings is one of the latest of the young women, and men, in whom Fashion Digest puts its faith. A recent graduate of Traphagen School, Miss Bigras is now successfully trying her wings in her first job as designer of wedding and formal

gowns for a well-known manufacturer.

To honor its birthday, the Digest is offering to fashion-minded readers of the Long Island Forum a special introductory subscription at just half the regular rate—\$1 for 2 years (4 issues published semi-annually)—in other words you save \$1 and get a 2-year subscription for the price of one. Write before July 1 to Fashion Digest, 1630 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y.

Work Clothes and Paints
Building and Garden Tools
Desks, Typewriters, Etc.
Suffolk Surplus Sales

Sunrise H'way, Massapequa (East)
MA 6-4220 C. A. Woehning

Mother's Day Gifts

IN CHINA
Minton Bone, Spode, Doulton
Syracuse, Lenox
IN STERLING
Towle Gorham

IN GLASS
Fostoria Tiffin Duncan
And in Other Quality Lines

TOOMEY'S GIFTS

85 Main St. BAY SHORE
253 W. Main St. Smithtown Branch

ZENITH
REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.

STOP in and let us
demonstrate the

NEW ZENITH (very small model)
ROYAL

HEARING AID

In Stock: Batteries for all
Types of Aids

PICKUP & BROWN
GUILD OPTICIANS

18 Deer Park Ave. Babylon
Tel. Babylon 927

DRY CLEANING

FUR STORAGE

Amitville Laundry

RUG CLEANING

AMITYVILLE 4-3200

Bunkers

Continued From Page 89

Frank Hempstead and party 78. In July 1919 Frank C. Brainward of Greenport in company with Capt. T. E. Burns, Charles B. Crane and Frank Jeffrey broke the bass record when he hooked one while fishing for chequit off Albertson's Reef. It lacked only one ounce of weighing seven pounds.

In 1925 William Bond and William Clark of Southold had good luck with their draw seine. In June they took 1,500 weakfish in one haul and almost 1,400 the next night. In August Carl Lien, a chef at the Nassau Point Hotel, caught a four-pound weakfish with his hands while in swimming.

In early July 1889 a rare fish was caught in the vicinity of Greenport. It had an oval sucking disk at the top of its head and was said to be a Remora which was fabled to stop ships by attaching itself to them. It was caught by Joseph Maynard. During the following month of that summer a sunfish about 400 pounds in weight was brought to that village by Capt. William H. Conklin and Matt Corwin, which they had caught in their net. Several varieties of tropical fish were caught quite often during that season by East Marion fishermen in their traps. Capt. Frank Rackett reported catching angelfish and pilotfish.

In August, 1940, a 75-pound tarpon was caught in the nets of Oliver Case in the Sound at Ashamomoque. During December 1909 passengers on the Prospect ferryboat, when half way between Greenport and Shelter Island, reported seeing a sea-serpent at least 75 feet in length. They said it swam past the boat faster than the speed of a steamboat. They claimed that its three coils, larger around than a barrel, were clearly visible.



Slave's Fiddle

Continued from Page 87

drawn by horses wherever he wished to paint, but near some house where he could lodge. In this way he could paint in comfort in the coldest weather. This studio is now the summer kitchen of a house in Setauket.

At one time Mr. Mount hoped to get a commission to paint one of the murals in the capitol at Washington. For this he submitted a sketch in oils on wood of two boys on a raft crossing the Alleghany river. He called it "Washington Crossing the Alleghany"

(as a young surveyor). He did not get the commission.

Mr. Mount's brothers were all artists and they must have had fine times in the old house with its big studio in the attic. William died in 1868. His pictures hang in many homes and museums, and the world will not soon forget Stony Brook's famous son, William Sydney Mount.

SWEZEY FUEL CO.

Coal and Fuel Oils

Patchogue 270 Port Jefferson 555



Save at Bay Shore Federal Savings

- Big Dividends compounded semi-annually.
- Your savings are insured up to \$10,000.

BAY SHORE FEDERAL SAVINGS and Loan Association

300 East Main St.

Bay Shore, N. Y.

MEMBER FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK

Over 100 Years

of

DEPENDABLE

SERVICE

TO

LONG ISLANDERS



Everything for Building

Nassau Suffolk
LUMBER & SUPPLY CORP.AMITYVILLE ROSLYN
HUNTINGTON SMITHTOWN
WESTBURY WANTAGH
LOCUST VALLEY**RECORDS**

RCA - Columbia - Decca

Wide Selection of

**POPULAR
CLASSICAL
CHILDREN'S**

in all the speeds

AMITY RADIO

For Quality Service on TV

On the Triangle AMityville 4-1177

**SCHWARZ**

FLORIST

PHONE

Farmingdale 2-0816

AMITY AUTO SALES**Chevrolet Agency**

For Sales and Service

Parts and Accessories

Merrick and County Line Roads

Tel. AMityville 4-0909-4-0910

POWELL**Funeral Home, Inc.**

67 Broadway

Amityville, New York

AMityville 4-0172

Monumental Work**"Fanny Bartlett's Station"**

In the March issue of the Forum is a letter from Ralph C. Atkinson of Freeport, which inquires about the LIRR station "Fanny Bartlett's" on old time tables.

That stop was carried on the time table for about thirty years and few passengers had any idea what it meant. The stop was between the Amagansett and Montauk stations.

The name came from a shipwreck. The three-masted schooner, Fannie J. Bartlett, bound from Philadelphia to Boston, became a total wreck on the beach at Napeague on January 16, 1894. Her crew of ten were saved.

The LIRR, which ended on the south shore at Bridgehampton up to that time, was being extended to Montauk in 1894. The first passenger train ran through to the Montauk station on Fort Pond Bay in 1895. There never was a village at the stop marked "Fanny Bartlett's."

It was simply a flag-station with a platform for the convenience of fishermen who shipped fish from there, and for the Life Saving Station men at Napeague who would walk from there to the station. Nathaniel Dominy Sr. of East Hampton had a fishing shanty at Napeague for years, and kept an eye out for wrecks. It was doubtless he who first nailed up the wrecked ship's name-plate and christened the new flag-stop. Capt. Samuel S. Edwards of Amagansett says: "The Long Island Rail Road really used to run accommodation trains. There were two other flag

stops between Amagansett and Montauk. One of them had a regular platform like Bartlett's; fish were also shipped from there. That was where the automobile road today crosses the tracks east of George's Inn; and another stop was where the track went into a branch at Promised Lane. The Bartlett stop was at the east end of what we call The Pines.

The East Hampton Star for January 26, 1894, said of the Fannie J. Bartlett: "Seas are now running over her whole length and she is filled with water. She is loaded with 1250 tons of coal, and was worth when she struck about \$50,000. Capt. Hutchins owned a half-interest in the boat, which he has well covered with insurance."

Jeannette Edwards Rattray
East Hampton

More On Fanny Bartlett

From Amagansett and Montauk oldtimers I have the following information which, if not 100 percent correct, may lead anyone interested to dig deeper.

Some time in the 1870s or 80s a small schooner named Fanny Bartlett came ashore on Napeague Beach. Later its hull was towed around Montauk Point and beached so that at low tide one could walk out to it. When the LIRR was extended to Montauk in 1895 two flag-stops were made; one named Fanny Bartlett to the west end of Napeague Beach, and one called Napeague Beach, to the east end.

These stops were raised platforms level with an express car door. A ramp ran from ground

"Long Island Whalers"

By Paul Bailey

The history of whaling by L. I. ships and men for more than 200 years, briefly told. Showing the beginning, the rise, the peak and the decline and finish of the industry between the 1640's and 1870's. Well illustrated. Postpaid \$1.

Address LONG ISLAND FORUM, Box 805, Amityville

"THE THIRTEEN TRIBES"

By Paul Bailey

Second Printing Now Ready. \$1 Postpaid

A brief account of the names, locations, customs, characteristics and history of the Long Island Indians. To which has been added the author's descriptive rhyme on the 13 tribal domains.

ADDRESS LONG ISLAND FORUM, BOX 805 AMITYVILLE

level to top of platform. A train stopped only when flagged. The Fanny Bartlett stop was used by employees of the Promised Land fish factories and for expressing fresh fish. The Napeague Beach stop was used for receiving wagonloads of fish from the fishermen.

In those times of deep sand roads, the two stops were much nearer than Amagansett or Montauk, and meant a shorter and quicker road haul.

H. F. Hendrickson
Hill View Farm
Bridgehampton

Melancton Smith

Continued from page 84

Captain Smith went North in June 1863, saw some service on the Monongahela, and a year later was placed in command of a half-dozen wooden gunboats in Albermarle Sound. He had a severe fight with the ram Albermarle and finally drove the ram back up the Sound. He was warmly commended by the Navy Dept. for that work. His next command was the Wabash under Porter at the bombardment of Fort Fisher in Dec. and Jan. 1864-65, and he was commended by Porter.

Melancton Smith was made a Captain in 1862. Commodore in 1866, and a Rear-Admiral in 1870. He was Chief of the Bureau of Equipment and Recruiting at Washington from 1866 to 1870, and was at the New York Navy Yard until just before his retirement on his sixty-first birthday May 24, 1871. He was governor of the Philadelphia Naval Asylum from 1871 to 1872.

Melancton Smith was a very

courageous man with something of the grim determination of Farragut about him. He was deeply religious, and temperate in all things except the use of cigars which he would smoke constantly in the excitement of battle, lighting each one from the butt of the other.

He married Mary Jackson, daughter of Thomas Jones of Massapequa, in 1837 and she died there on April 4, 1885. He lived eight years longer and died at Green Bay, Wisconsin, on July 19, 1893 in the 84th year of his age. His Long Island residence is confirmed by the notice of his death which appeared in the South Side Signal of July 22, 1893 as follows; "Rear Admiral Melancton Smith, a well known resident of Massapequa, died at Green Bay, Wisconsin, in his 84th year. He entered the United States

Navy in 1826, and played an important part in the Civil War, commanded the ship Mississippi with Lieutenant George Dewey, afterwards Admiral Dewey, as his executive officer, and was in Farragut's fleet when he opened the Mississippi River to New Orleans in April 1862." A truly remarkable career in the service of his country.

David Edwards, Hero

There is a medal in our family, presented to my great-grandfather, David Edwards of Calverton. On it now is only engraved a brig, but at one time it carried a date of the 1840's, the exact year being long since worn away.

He received this medal, \$50 cash reward, and a certificate describing his daring rescue of several men from the brig while he was gathering salt-hay on Bellport beach.

A storm broke and the brig,

The 1801 House FINE FURNITURE

Interior Decorating

BABylon 6-1801

173 West Merrick Road, Babylon

Fire Island was the site of Long Island's first State Park, established in 1908. It was revived in 1926 and, following the hurricane of 1938, relocated where it now exists.

LONG ISLAND

is located advantageously for light industry.

Its suburban and rural areas offer ideal living conditions.

Independent Textile Dyeing Co., Inc.

FARMINGDALE, N. Y.

The Bank of Amityville

Incorporated 1891

2% on Special Interest
Accounts Compounded
Quarterly

Hours: 9 to 3 except Saturday
Friday Evening, 6:30 to 8:30

Member Federal Deposit
Insurance Corp.

Auto Radiators Repaired, Recored and Boiled Out Electric Motors—Rewinding and Rebuilding

AMITYVILLE BATTERY & IGNITION SERVICE, Inc.
Broadway and Avon Place Phones 1174 - 2095 Amityville

loaded with calico, began to break up on the bar. He swam out and carried in the crew, one at a time. A spike from a loose timber went through his foot, but he got the last man ashore.

My great-grandfather took home some of the calico as it washed up, and when he received notice to be at the Manor R. R. depot on a subsequent day to meet a Government man, he went there in fear he would be fined for taking the cloth.

The award was a welcome relief, and the Government man said he was proud to shake his hand. David Edwards and Cap'n Wes Petty were the two strongest men for miles around. David would have been in his thirties at the time. He came from the Calverton and Baiting Hollow Edwards family.

Perhaps some Forum reader can identify the vessel and know the exact date and further details of the wreck.

Emma Schmearsal
Riverhead

Merrimac Was Virginia

In reference to the Forum editor's syndicated article on the battle between the Merrimac and the Long Island-built Monitor on March 9, 1862, Mr. John J. Klaber of Huntington writes as follows:

The Merrimac was originally a wooden vessel of the U. S. Navy. She was sunk by the U. S. forces, to prevent her use by the Confederates, when they captured the navy yard at Norfolk, where she was stationed. She was later raised, most of her superstructure removed, and she was converted into an ironclad, and renamed the Virginia. According to my recollection (rather undependable) the iron consisted of railroad ties from the Tredegar Iron Works in Richmond.

The Monitor was generally called a "Cheesebox on a Raft," a very apt description. She was the prototype of a series of larger monitors, which remained in use for several decades. This type of vessel has now been abandoned, though the revolving gun turrets, of which it was the first example, are still an important feature of naval vessels throughout the world.

Population Survey, 1954

Under the above title, the Long Island Lighting Company has issued a most informative brochure,

prepared by the Rate and Research Division of its Commercial Department. From its pages we learn that more than 1,100,000 people have streamed into Nassau and Suffolk Counties since 1920 in a continuing march to the comforts and conveniences of this suburban area.

This influx, which brought continuing population increases from 126,120 in 1920 to 672,765 in 1950 in Nassau County; according to the U. S. Census Bureau, had its most spectacular rise after the last census. The 1954 LILCO estimates show that an increase of 136,206 in Nassau since the most recent U. S. Census to make a population total of 966,841 at the start of this year.

Meanwhile, in Suffolk County a similar, but somewhat less spectacular population rise, was also taking place. With a population of 110,246 in 1920, Suffolk moved up to 276,129 in 1950 and was esti-

mated by LILCO to have risen to 379,573 on January 1, 1954.

Today, the combined total populations of these two counties has risen well past the 1,000,000 mark with the estimated total at the first of the year at 1,346,414, more than five and a half times the two-county population in 1920.

The Fifth Ward of Queens County, which takes in the Rockaway Peninsula and is also served by Long Island Lighting Company, showed a healthy increase too despite its comparatively dense population, with a rise from 51,103 in 1950 to 55,708 at the first of this year.

According to LILCO's report, its method of using residential electric meters as an index to current population was shown by an independent Hofstra College Research Bureau test in 1952 to provide notably accurate results. With the use of new adjusted population factors, the Company believes that the margin of error in its current report is reduced even more.

ESTABLISHED 1887



SOUTH SIDE — BANK —

BRENTWOOD
Suffolk & 4th
Phone BR 3-4511

BAY SHORE
Main & Bay Shore Av.
Phone BA 7-7100

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

"The Trees of Long Island"

By George H. Peters

This pamphlet, well illustrated, listing and describing the island's biggest trees of the various species, and covering all phases of the subject, was compiled by George H. Peters, president of the L. I. Horticultural Society, the sponsoring organization.

It is useful not only for schools and libraries, but for every Long Islander who appreciates our many and varied native trees. Sold at \$1. postpaid. Address:

Long Island Forum, Amityville

Amityville Cold Fur Storage Co.

100% all risk insurance. 18 degrees maintained to kill moths and keep coats fresh and flexible

134 Bway. AMityville 4-0535 Sam Bendersky, Prop. Storage Vault Built by General Electric

ALL WASHED-OUT ON WASHDAY?



Get the facts and RELAX with an **AUTOMATIC GAS DRYER**

Also ask about an
**AUTOMATIC
GAS WATER HEATER**

heats your water three times
faster . . . assures a plentiful
supply for every modern ap-
pliance . . . every household
purpose.

Any way you look at it, there's no more need
for "hanging on the ropes" when washday
rolls around. No more need to lug wet and
heavy loads of wash . . . or ruin your hands
and disposition in cold or rainy weather.

With an Automatic GAS Dryer you're on
"permanent vacation" from those washday
woes. It does the job so much better, so much
easier and quicker, in solid indoor comfort.

Naturally  **GAS DOES IT BEST!**

LONG ISLAND LIGHTING COMPANY

For Luncheons and Dinners

The Patchogue Hotel

Centrally located on the
South Shore for Banquets
and other functions

Modern Rooms and Suites

Montauk Highway

Phones Patchogue 1234 and 800

Wining and Dining

in the Continental Tradition,
superb, leisurely, inexpensive,
will be yours to enjoy, at the
entirely new

RENDEZVOUS Restaurant

292 Merrick Rd. Amityville

Phone AMityville 4-9768

For the Sea Food
Connoisseur It's

SNAPPER INN

on Connetquot River
OAKDALE

Phone SAyville 4-0248

CLOSED MONDAYS

PETERS

Delicatessen

=

Tel. Amityville 4-1350

176 Park Ave. Amityville

Smithtown Lands

There is mention in the March Forum of the daughter of Wyandance, who was a prisoner of the Connecticut Indians and was later released through the good offices of Lion Gardiner. This young lady caused a controversy between Richard Smith and the Huntington authorities which lasted many years. To show his gratitude to Gardiner, Wyandance, who was Chief and Grand Sachem of all the Suffolk County Indians, deeded a large tract of land to Gardiner. The deed to this tract, still in existence, I believe (the Long Island Island Historical Society has the original), describes the land to be conveyed as follows:

"Now that it may be known how and where this land lyeth on Long Island, we say it lyeth between Huntington and Setauket, the western bound being Cow Harbour, Easterly Acatomunk, and Southerly cross the island to the end of the Great Hollow or Valley."

Gardiner thus acquired title to all the land between Nissequogue River and Northport, south to about the middle of the Island, and embracing all the northeast part of the subsequent Huntington (Nicolls) Patent.

Gardiner in turn conveyed the tract to Richard Smith, who took possession, and to fortify his title obtained a patent from the Colonial governor. As some Indian chiefs complained to the royal authorities at Hartford that Smith had taken their land, and there was also the claim of Huntington that their patent covered the land held by Smith, the Hartford authorities sent commissioners to look into and adjust these matters, which dragged on until 1675, when the decision was that the land belonged to Smith.

At the same time, the easterly boundary of the Huntington Patent was fixed at the west bank of the Fresh Pond, still known by that name, near the Sound, and emptying into it, about five or six miles west of the Nissequogue River. That is the boundary line between Huntington and Smithtown today.

James E. Tooker
Babylon Town Historian

DINE AT

FRANK FRIEDE'S Riverside Inn

Table d'Hote and a la Carte

On Jericho Turnpike
Route 25

SMITHTOWN, L. I., N. Y.

"Willie and Herman's"

La Grange

Montauk Highway East of Babylon

Luncheons - Dinners

Large New Banquet Hall

Tel. Babylon 480

Enroute to the Hamptons
on Montauk Highway

visit **CASA BASSO** and

Enjoy the Best
Luncheon and Dinner

Westhampton 4-1841
Closed on Mondays

STERN'S

Pickle Products, Inc.

Farmingdale, N. Y.

Tels. 248; Night 891

Complete Line of Condiments for the
Hotel and Restaurant Trade
Prompt Deliveries Quality Since 1890
Factory conveniently located at
Farmingdale

YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU TRIED
LUNCHEON - DINNER (or SNACK)

in the restful comfort of

The Hospitality Shoppe

where excellent food, skillfully prepared and promptly served,
is primed to meet the better taste.

123 Loudon Avenue

Tel. AMityville 4-4000

Amityville, L. I.

"ASK YOUR FRIENDS WHO'VE TRIED IT"